Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
9/19/74

Dear Mr. Delaney,

As I leafed through my Russell file until I came to the Oberdorfer story, I came to a few other things to which I referred so I also copied them.

This file is no longer in chronological order.

My 6/14/68 letter is not the first to Russell. When I saw the quote it contains (I have the original letter) and the date I copied it. The date is prior to his "Mystery Tiff" with LBJ.

Russell told me earlier that June that he believed LBJ had appointed him to the Commission to keep him from leading the civil-rights fight. "But I fooled him," Russell also told me. He ignored the Commission instead. I think he attended only about six of its sessions.

My own belief is that LBJ was trading on Russell's reputation.

Russell did, just before the Report was issued, force a special extra hearing with Marina Oswald as the witness. She changed her testimony materially in that secret hearing in the Dallas Naval Air Station on a Sunday, I think 9/6/64. But Russell was not really up on the fact and the evidence. And by then the Report was in proof. Russell, as you may recall, did lead the anti-civil rights forces instead of doing his Commission work.

I regard this as a great tragedy.

His AA was Charles Campbell. I think he will recall enough of this and I think he will recall that Russell told me, as we all were walking toward the floor from Russell's office, that Russell was satisfied "they" did not tell us all about Oswald.

LBJ, by the way, also did not believe the Warren Report. CBS edited this out of the Cronkite interviews but it was leaked anyway. But I think Russell blamed LBJ unfairly except on his initial appointment, when I believe LBJ did deceive him from what Russell told me and I believe Campbell will confirm.

If you have any other questions, please ask them. There is nothing in this book that I do not have in greater detail. As I told you, I pressed for this transcript for use in a partly-written book I will complete when I can. For it I have what to me is more shocking than this transcript. Some of the subtleties may not be apparent to those without detailed knowledge. I have what can fill these voids in, too. It is all available for inspection and satisfaction. This includes every record of every hearing and the typescripts of all executive sessions still not withheld. A full box of them. My work on this area alone is so complete I have the name of each court reporter who took each "take" of each proceeding in Washington and the covering letters with which all other transcripts were forwarded to Washington.

Sorry my machine is broken. It goes into the shop in the morning.

And I do hope it becomes possible for you or others at ABC to find the time to see the potential in unusual TV and unusual reporting that can be possible in the near future. I have spent 10 years acquiring it, none improperly. I must have some 2,000 pages of FBI reports I have not yet had time to read.

Hopefully,

Harold Weisberg

Enclosure:
1. ltr HW to R 4.14.68
2. News stories 10/11 & 10/13/68
3. ltr R to HW 1/7/69
4. Oberdorfer story 11/9/70
5. ltr R to HW 11/30/70